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Reporting for the week ending September 25, 2011.

General

Fall-like conditions were prevalent throughout much of last week. Of the 36 weather stations, 29 were either at or below their normal temperatures. The week ended with the arrival of a cold front which produced some severe weather and scattered showers concentrated in the eastern third of the state. Low temperatures ranged from 43 degrees Fahrenheit at Harrison and Warren to 58 degrees Fahrenheit at West Memphis. High temperatures ranged from 80 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville and Harrison to 97 degrees Fahrenheit at Texarkana. Scattered showers brought rain to nearly all parts of the state last week as 35 of the 36 reporting stations reported some measurable precipitation. Topsoil moisture supplies were 12 percent very short, 40 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 17 percent very short, 43 percent short, 39 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Producers had 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crops

Corn harvest reached 92 percent complete last week. Ninety-three percent of the cotton crop was opening bolls, and cotton producers had harvested 6 percent of the crop by week's end. The rice crop reached 91 percent ripe and 56 percent harvested. Nearly all of the sorghum crop reached maturity, and 86 percent of the crop was harvested by the end of the week. The soybean crop was 61 percent yellowing, 39 percent shedding, 35 percent mature, and 17 percent harvested. Winter wheat planted reached 5 percent last week with 1 percent of the crop emerged.

Livestock

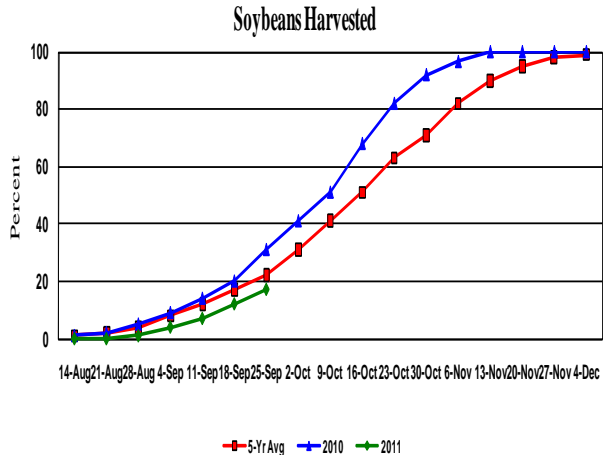
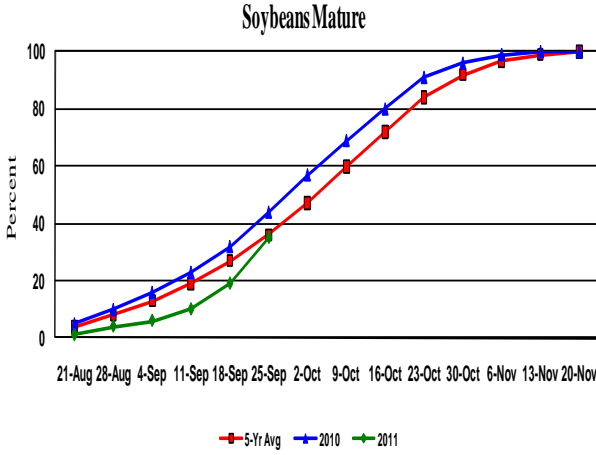
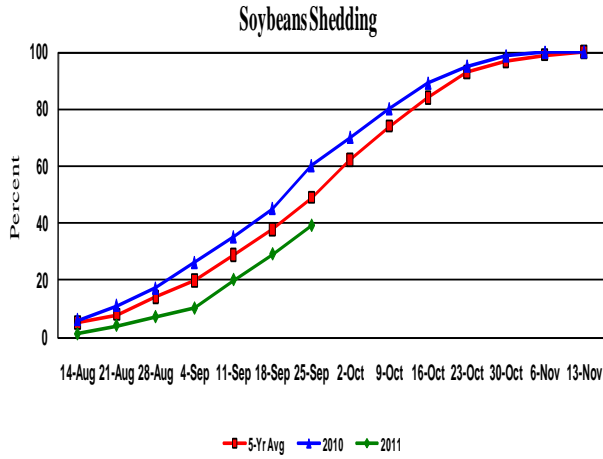
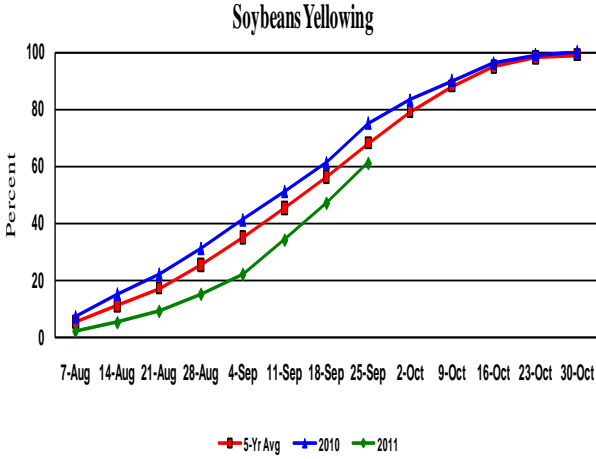
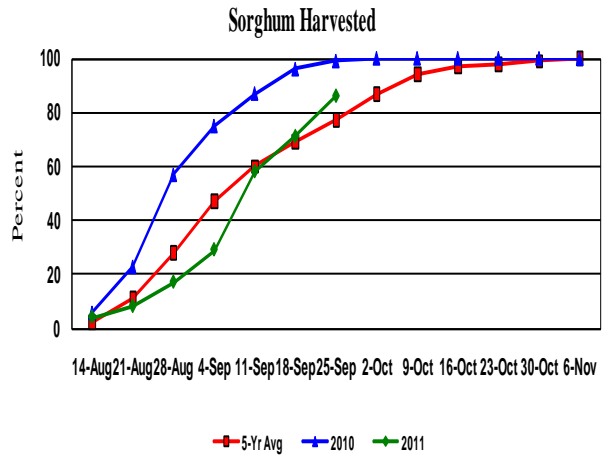
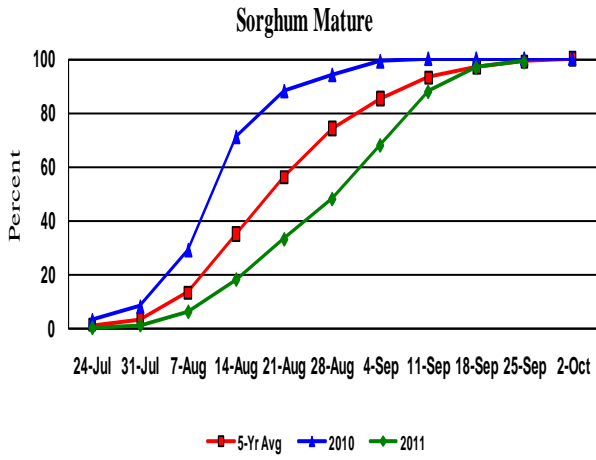
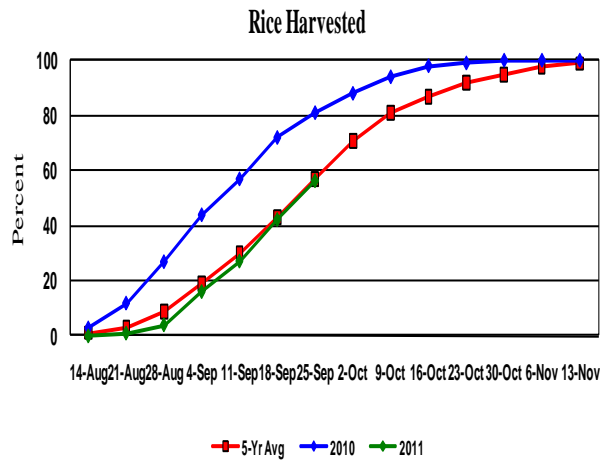
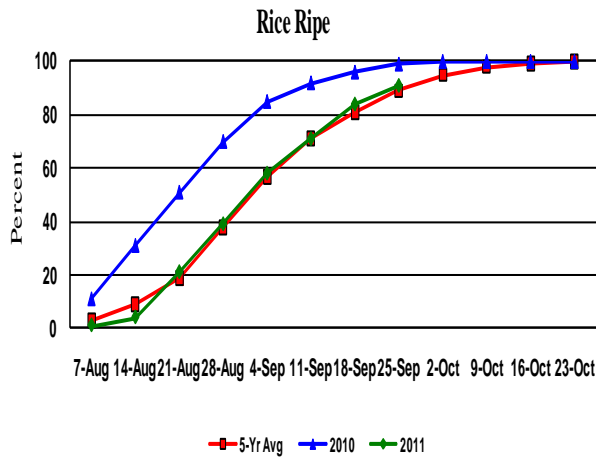
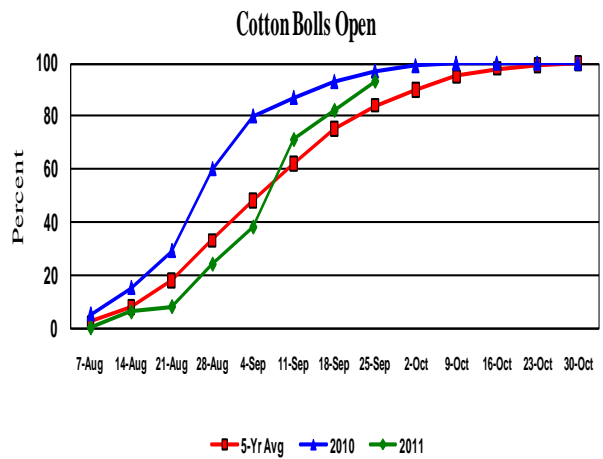
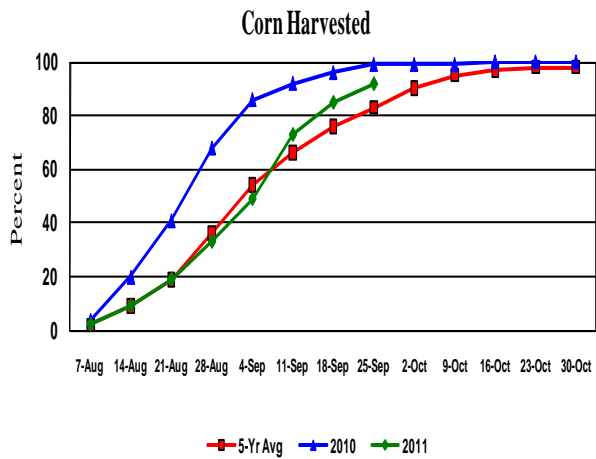
Livestock remained in mostly fair to good condition. Pasture and range and hay crops continued to need more rain as the majority of the crops remained in poor to fair condition. Producers were seeding cool season forages last week.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2010	5-Year Avg
Corn	Harvested	92	85	99	83
Cotton	Opening Bolls	93	82	97	84
	Harvested	6	2	37	16
Rice	Ripe	91	84	99	89
	Harvested	56	42	81	57
Sorghum	Mature	99	97	100	99
	Harvested	86	71	99	77
Soybeans	Yellowing	61	47	75	68
	Shedding	39	29	60	49
	Mature	35	19	44	36
	Harvested	17	12	31	22
Winter Wheat	Planted	5	2	3	3
	Emerged	1	0	0	0

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	5	17	41	32	5
Cotton	1	14	31	42	12
Rice	1	15	39	39	6
Sorghum	3	11	40	37	9
Soybeans	3	18	36	35	8
Hay-Alfalfa	15	23	47	12	3
Hay-Other	18	23	51	8	0
Pasture and Range	20	26	46	8	0



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending September 25, 2011									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Sep 25	4 wk Accum	4 wk Normal	Year-to-Date 2011	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	80	44	-2	1.92	3.72	4.31	42.27	35.23
	Harrison	80	43	-4	1.18	3.58	3.96	39.89	34.47
N. Central	Calico Rock	82	51	-3	0.22	1.91	3.79	37.44	34.75
	Gilbert	84	49	-5	0.14	2.34	3.83	36.45	33.80
	Greers Ferry	82	50	-4	1.05	3.78	3.50	40.38	37.44
	Mtn. Home	81	50	-5	0.49	2.60	3.94	42.60	34.00
Northeast	Batesville	85	52	-3	0.16	2.16	3.41	40.70	35.38
	Blytheville	83	55	-1	1.27	2.40	2.65	34.54	38.40
	Jonesboro	85	55	0	0.63	2.80	2.73	37.33	34.16
	Keiser	85	56	-1	0.81	2.16	2.99	46.12	37.79
	Newport	82	52	-4	0.24	2.42	2.90	37.84	35.97
W. Central	Booneville	85	52	-3	0.20	2.68	3.66	37.81	35.52
	Clarksville	85	49	-5	0.03	1.46	3.37	33.98	34.47
	Dardanelle	84	48	-3	0.00	1.13	2.95	36.82	35.72
	Ft. Smith	87	54	0	0.28	1.47	3.60	32.31	33.10
	Mena	84	48	-2	0.16	2.68	4.20	33.46	42.78
	Ozark	85	47	-4	0.33	2.21	3.40	35.36	33.62
Central	Conway	84	50	-3	0.26	1.54	2.89	41.00	35.35
	Hot Springs	83	50	-2	0.20	2.06	3.62	38.13	42.45
	Little Rock	86	52	-3	0.28	1.17	2.95	36.88	37.19
	Morrilton	85	51	-3	0.35	1.62	2.98	38.74	35.08
	N. Little Rock	84	53	-2	0.13	1.61	3.06	41.12	36.36
E. Central	Brinkley	81	55	-3	0.20	1.10	2.53	44.41	37.25
	Marianna	87	51	-1	1.59	2.13	2.39	43.65	39.59
	Stuttgart	85	55	-1	0.31	1.42	2.35	38.00	36.28
	West Memphis	87	58	1	0.73	1.55	2.63	35.77	39.56
Southwest	DeQueen	91	50	1	0.38	2.13	3.34	30.28	39.63
	Hope	95	54	3	0.16	0.89	3.51	25.89	40.07
	Texarkana	97	54	2	0.89	2.24	3.03	21.01	34.32
S. Central	Camden	95	49	1	0.10	0.78	3.16	30.26	39.64
	El Dorado	95	48	2	0.78	1.23	2.82	22.82	41.43
	Warren	94	43	-1	0.13	0.60	3.43	20.30	42.25
Southeast	Eudora	91	53	0	2.73	3.76	3.10	30.48	44.04
	Monticello	91	52	1	0.90	3.19	2.73	29.75	42.12
	Pine Bluff	90	51	0	0.35	0.85	2.49	30.89	38.75
	Rohwer	87	53	0	2.57	4.01	2.35	32.79	38.93

* Departure from normal = $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2} - 30$ year average

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